

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A housing having an interior wall, said housing containing a structure comprising a plurality of sorptive particles bound to a polymer chemically adhered to said interior wall.

2. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said housing has a first open end and a second open end spaced from said first open end, and wherein said structure is contiguous with said second open end.

3. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said housing defines a volume, and wherein said structure occupies about 0.1 microliters to about 10 microliters of said volume.

4. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said housing is a pipette tip having a first end and a second end spaced from said first end with said structure in between.

5. (Original) The housing of claim 4, wherein said first end has an internal diameter larger than the internal diameter of said second end.

6. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of polysulfone, polyethersulfone, polytetrafluoroethylene, cellulose acetate, polystyrene, polystyrene/acrylonitrile copolymer and PVDF.

7. (Original) The housing of claim 6, wherein said polymer is polysulfone, and wherein said housing comprises a polyolefin.

8. (Original) The housing of claim 7, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.

9. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said particles are selected from the group consisting of polystyrenedivinylbenzene beads, functionalized polystyrenedivinylbenzene beads, silica, fumed silica, derivitized silica and activated carbon.

10. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said particles are derivitized silica.

11. (Currently amended) A housing having an interior wall, said housing containing a structure comprising an adsorptive polymer chemically adhered to said interior wall.

12. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said housing has a first open end and a second open end spaced from said first open end, and wherein said structure is contiguous with said second open end.

13. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said housing defines a volume, and wherein said structure occupies about 0.1 microliters to about 10 milliliters of said volume.

14. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said housing is a pipette tip having a first end and a second end spaced from said first end with said structure in between.

15. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein said first end has an internal diameter larger than the internal diameter of said second end.

16. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of polysulfone, polyethersulfone, polytetrafluoroethylene, cellulose acetate, polystyrene, polystyrene/acrylonitrile copolymer and PVDF.

17. (Original) The housing of claim 16, wherein said polymer is polysulfone, and wherein said housing comprises a polyolefin.

18. (Original) The housing of claim 17, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.